



# News Release

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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UP***

**SIOUX FALLS, January 29, 2010 -- All cattle and calves** in South Dakota as of January 1, 2010 totaled 3.80 million head, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up 3 percent from last year's inventory level and also 3 percent above two years ago.

**All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 1.71 million head, were down 1 percent from the 1.72 million head on January 1, 2009.

**Beef cows** totaled 1.618 million head on January 1, down 8,000 from a year ago.

**Other classes** and their changes from a year ago are:

- **Milk cows**, at 92,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year.
- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, at 960,000 head, up from 900,000 head on January 1, 2009.
- **Steers** 500 pounds and over, at 760,000 head, up 80,000 head from a year earlier.
- **Calves** under 500 pounds, at 285,000 head, down from 315,000 head a year earlier.

**Calves born** during 2009 totaled 1,660,000 head, unchanged from 2008.

Total **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market in South Dakota on January 1, 2010 numbered 400,000 head. This is up 10,000 head from one year ago.

*Access this complete report at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Catt/2010s/2010/Catt-01-29-2010.pdf>